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15. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
15. ☒ Fee Authorization forms
16. ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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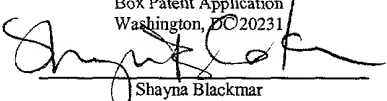
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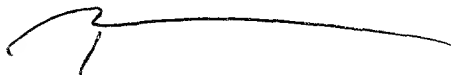
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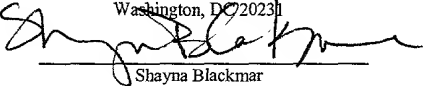
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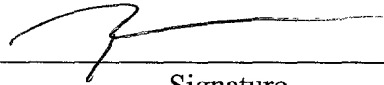
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